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Those who worship God only for fear would pray to a monster if he should threaten them

Fly the Flag Today

The Stars and Stripes stands today for the freedom of the children to play

Time to Wake Up

Have you ever seen a number of former football stars line up against a college team in training?

The Parous State of Mexico

No better word can be found to describe the conditions across the border

The Rich of the Centuries

Believe me if all those endearing young charms may not compete with when grown-up ladies act like babies

Building for the Gods to Inspect

Political contractors who scamped their work did not get the job of building temples in the golden age of Athens

Germany wants to agree with the United States on a state of facts

A Fatal Mistake

That man makes a fatal mistake who judges truth in relation to financial affairs by the changing phases of public opinion

And the men are entering into the spirit of the enterprise with enthusiasm

It is refreshing to find a group of men working concertedly and conscientiously in such great sincerity

Spiritual Rather Than Material Civilization the Issue in Europe

There is no reason to assume that German success in Europe would put an end to what may be called the material evidences of civilization

When men say that civilization itself is imperiled by the Germans

Were Europe threatened by barbarians whose success would mean the disruption of modern mechanics

Time to Wake Up

There is a group of loose thinkers in this country who imagine that the United States is different

Matriculating in Matrimony

Does the woman's college cut down the supply of wives and mothers?

Where is Your Girl Tonight?

Ruin is as liable to be met by it as the girl of your neighbor

Physiology

To your knowledge of "what to do in case of emergency" you may add the following rule

Conclusion

"A deacon is the lowest kind of Christian"

"May Day commemorates the landing of the Mayflower"

"The Boxers were Corbett, Fitzsimmons and Bill Johnson"

"A renegade is a man who kills a king"

"In India a man out of oak may not marry a woman out of another oak"

"The Pharisees were people who liked to show off their goodness by praying in synonyms"

"B. C. stands for Boy Scout"

"A lie is an aversion to the truth"

"The German Emperor has been called the Geyser"

And now, gentle reader, school is dismissed for the day

WHAT'S DONE IS DONE

Things without all remedy should be without regard

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"IN MEMORANDUM"—SCHOOLBOY HUMOR

Curious, Unheard-of "Facts," as Recorded in Examination Papers and Transcribed for the Benefit of Those Who Love a Laugh

By ROBERT HILDRETH

Out of the mouths of well-grown babes wisdom emanates

The subject of "howlers" doubtless has both its funny and its serious side

Which, in phraseology, suggests another boy's description of how the cavalry swept over "the eyebrow of the hill"

The reader is earnestly requested not to apply the Salic Law to this compilation

"I don't know anything about the Constitution, as I was born in Kansas"

"The minority is composed of the minors"

"The Spoils system: The place where spoiled things and waste are kept"

"An ex post facto law is one that gives officers a right to go to foreign countries and get criminals, dead or alive, and take them back to the place where the crime was committed"

Biographical Notes

"Benjamin Franklin is the founder of electricity"

"George Washington was a land savor"

"Lord Raleigh was the first man to see the invisible Armada"

"Tennyson wrote 'In Memorandum'"

"Tennyson also wrote a poem called 'Grave's Energy'"

"Louis XVI was galled during the French Revolution"

"Queen Elizabeth rode a white horse from Kenilworth through Coventry with nothing on, and Raleigh offered her his cloak"

"Elizabeth ascended the throne in 1558 and died in 1599. She did not have a long reign"

"Ben Johnson is one of the three highest mountains of Scotland"

"George Eliot left a wife and children to mourn his grief"

"Thomas Becket used to wash the feet of leopards"

"Henry I died of eating Walreys"

"Caesar was a king and went high up on a mountain"

"Lincoln had a woman make him a suit of homespun from ralls which he had split. They were hickory ralls, hence hickory shirts"

"The difference between Jackson and Roosevelt is that Jackson has been dead a long time and Roosevelt is in Africa, shooting lions"

Benjamin Franklin has begun these "biographical notes," he now shall end the same

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"AN UNCONSCIONABLE TIME DYING"

1884, when she was caught on a blockade runner

Her captor lost his heart to her, deserted the navy and married her

Wales, afterward Edward VII, attended the wedding

Belle Boyd is the most famous of spies, but there are many others who deserve at least as much fame as she won

Elizabeth B. Van Lew, who had the incredible courage to act as a Union spy in Richmond throughout the war

She did not confine her activities to spying and reporting what she had discovered to the Union generals

There was one girl who won the rank of major in the Union army

She was Pauline Cushman, an actress, who became one of the best and most famous spies of the Union army

Often and often Major Pauline acted as a sort of advance guard to the Federal army

Both the Confederates captured her, but on two occasions she escaped

She was about to be hanged when Thomas captured Nashville and saved her

Secretary Stanton commissioned her as major in the Union army, and she was the only woman who held that rank

Let us be sure that we get the national temperament, send our minds abroad upon the Continent, become neighbors to all the people that live upon it, and lovers of them all as Lincoln was—Woodrow Wilson

GREENHORN GARDENING

From the Providence Journal

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I had occasion, a few days ago, to look over a garden to ascertain what had made it so unsatisfactory in the preceding season

I was called to another house last spring, where there had been fond anticipations of picking tomatoes in plenty from vines that had been set out

I dug about the roots of one plant to ascertain what was the trouble

I discovered a weevil in the soil

WISH-HORSES

Don't you see the horses trampling down the street

Great white chargers, with their heavy gilded feet

With caparisons embroidered in an azure flapping amble

Don't you hear them, don't you hear them? Trumple-trumple, trumple-trumple!

From fetlock to fetlock they loom shaggy and gigantic

Their manes and tails are flowing like the silver-frothed Atlantic

Their eyes are kind and brown like the wood rooks of the tower

And their knights bear forest branches for the spears of their renown

All around you in the ranks of department stores and banks

Hotels and office buildings, restaurants and flats and towers

A million brains of weary folk, are throbbing through the hours

With wishes tremendous—from some of which defend us—

But most are longings old for the country to unfold

And drop them in their purple and greenery and gold

Or its fleece of dashing white, with a star-blast through the night

They are longing for the clean air of the land of lost delight

Therefore come the horses, white dream-steeds to cheer and free them

Don't you hear them trampling past you? Don't you see them, don't you see them?

I hear a sunrise shouting and a noise of clashing symbols

I hear a great wind roaring o'er the rattling of the timbale

There's a horn of vast adventure that is winding overhead

With its chords that are like colors now the sunset flushes red

And now the black crowds pour from each office building's door

They are only rushing homeward, but more than the than e'er before

For they see the horses' banners, star-embroidered, blue and ample

Wave before them out of heaven, as the steeds mount trumple-trumple

Through the blue evening up to cloudland, trumple-trumple, trumple-trumple!

—William Rose Benet, in Century



SPEAKING THE PUBLIC MIND

Views of Readers on the Convention Hall Site, Armenia "The Belgium of the East," Memorial Day and Other Interesting Subjects

To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir—The two latest arguments in favor of a convention hall at 24th and Market streets are:

(a) It is in or very near the hotel zone.

(b) Its convenience to a railroad station enables the visitor to shorten somewhat his stay in Philadelphia.

Both arguments are the same; in effect they mean that we expect or will help the visitor to make a short stay.

Personally, I do not believe that Chestnut street business men are in favor of the site.

They are allowing a few dollars to be thrown away to see it with comfort and feel that the noise and glare of a convention may not be incompatible with some sabbath moments of rest and recreation.

One of the noblest buildings on the Parkway should be the convention hall. To bring to pass we can afford to lose several conventions with equanimity.

DAVID COTTER, 723 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, May 28.

DEFENDERS, BUT NO DEFENSE

To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir—In the matter of the crime of sinking the Lusitania Germany has some "defenders, but no defense."

If I may be permitted to say it, your correspondent, Mr. Golden, in assuming to express the sentiments of "the world," reminds one of the three tailors of Tooley Street.

Philadelphia, May 28. B.

SUGGESTS DISCRIMINATION

To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir—As a Memorial Day is very near at hand when the different Posts of the G. A. R. will decorate the graves of the soldiers who fought and died for the preservation of the Union,

I would like to suggest that those Posts that they should carefully avoid any recognition of the German-born soldiers—176,718 according to military statistics—as well as the graves of all German-descent soldiers who lost their lives in the same ignominious cause.

Let the Posts of the G. A. R. rather hold services, wave "U. S." flags and strew flowers over the graves of the noble English and Russian soldiers who gave their lives and their sacred honor to the cause of our disruption and of our ignominious cause.

This course would be more fitting and more acceptable to the majority of the present generation, and due credit to its patriotism.

AN ENGLISH-AMERICAN VETERAN, Philadelphia, May 28.

"THE BELGIUM OF THE EAST"

To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir—We seldom read about the sufferings of a nation which very properly is called "The Belgium of the East."

The news of the sinking of the Lusitania stirred every one of us that had love for humanity and for justice.

But what will be the effect of the news printed in today's paper? Thousands of Armenian children, women and adult men are being persecuted and butchered by the ferocious Turks and Kurds, assisted by the Government officials.

While the youth of Armenians are serving in the Turkish army, their unprotected families are being massacred throughout the country.

By doing this, it is as if Turkey committed wholesale murder. What will be the prize of these inhuman acts? This is a question put out before the world to be answered on humanitarian grounds.

For centuries Armenians have preserved civilization in Turkey. It is worth while to extend assistance and help to such a martyr nation which has been persecuted for Christianity since the 15th century.

Let these massacres mean the ending of Turkish brutality and of Moslem fanaticism, and let the population of the Belgium of the East of Armenia enjoy the freedom, in speech, in thought and in act which has been violated for many centuries.

Y. R. BAKHIDJO, Philadelphia, May 28.

APPROVAL OF EVENING LEDGER

To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir—As I am an Italian born, been in this country a little over five years, and as I never had any instruction in English, I doubt whether I'll be able to compose anything.

I beg you to state that the majority of our race are fully of distinction and so we will appreciate with warmly feeling your kindly manner for your decent and respectful department, not only for having published the news in Italian, but for the generosity that you (and your splendid paper) are demonstrating toward the civilized world concerning the tremendous conflict which is poured all over the map of Europe.

But people must remember this word, as a proof of a future success, that there is little to critic over the energetic and valorous descendant of the historical Roman Empire; and perhaps by thinking we'll never forget the spirit and enthusiasm of the old warriors like Napoleon (whose origin was Italian), Julius Caesar, Garibaldi, just as well as many other saviors of our fatherland. And now, without any doubt it will be a resurrection

From the New York Times

Stonewall Jackson's valley campaign was one of the great deeds of history

Not since Napoleon's time have men been so dazzled as they were by that great exploit of his

Yet Stonewall himself has gone down the valley in defeat had it not been for a little college girl named Belle Boyd

The Union General Shields was quartered at Miss Boyd's house

He held a council of war there

Miss Boyd bored a hole in the floor of her chamber, which was over Shields' room, and lay there with her ear to it throughout the night

The next morning Stonewall Jackson was in full possession of the plans for a great battle and was able to defeat the Union army

She kept up her valiant work for the Confederacy until the Union officers began to suspect her, and Jackson ordered her to move from her Shenandoah home to Winchester

She had been arrested by the Federals and had fired her way to liberty—for she was a pretty girl, despite the libelous photographs of her

In Winchester, Jackson conferred upon her a commission as captain in the Confederate army

By this time the whole North had become aware of the services she was rendering the Confederacy, and every officer and private was on the alert to get her

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Major Pauline Cushman

She was One of Many Girl Spies of the Civil War

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